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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Order Instituting Rulemaking
Regarding Microgrids Pursuant to
Senate Bill 1339 and Resiliency
Strategies.

Rulemaking 19-09-009

**E-MAIL RULING DIRECTING RESPONDENTS
TO ADDRESS RULING QUESTIONS AS PART OF THEIR
JANUARY 21, 2020 PROPOSAL**

Dated December 30, 2019, at San Francisco, California.

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Subject: R.19-09-009 - Email Ruling Directing Respondents to Address Ruling Questions as part of their January 21, 2020 Proposal

To the Service List of Rulemaking 19-09-009:

Summary

This Administrative Law Judge's ruling directs Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E), Southern California Edison Company (SCE), and San Diego Gas & Electric Company (SDG&E) to include responses to the following list of questions as part of their January 21, 2020 report and proposals on microgrid and related resiliency activities to this rulemaking.

Background

On September 12, 2019, the Commission initiated this Rulemaking to design a framework surrounding the commercialization of microgrids associated with Senate Bill (SB) 1339 (Stern, 2018), as well as to account for the Commission's commitment toward utilizing additional technologies and activities that would be useful for achieving overall resiliency goals.

Upon issuance of the Order Instituting Rulemaking, on October 21, 2019, parties to this rulemaking filed opening comments to the Order of Rulemaking (R.) 19-09-009. On November 5, 2019, parties filed reply comments to this proceeding's Order.

An Energy Division staff workshop (staff workshop) was held on December 12, 2019. At the workshop, staff and stakeholders discussed short-term actions related to microgrids and other resiliency strategies that could be initiated in early 2020 to reduce the impact of public safety power shutoff (PSPS) outages or other catastrophic events.

Following the staff workshop, a prehearing conference (PHC) was held on December 17, 2019 by the assigned commissioner and administrative law judge to discuss the issues of law and fact, determine the need for hearing, and the schedule for resolving the matter.

On December 20, 2019, the assigned commissioner issued a Scoping Memo and Ruling. Among other things in the assigned commissioner's Scoping Memo and Ruling, the respondents to this proceeding – PG&E, SCE, and SDG&E – were directed to submit proposals for immediate implementation of resiliency strategies, including partnership and planning with local government. The assigned commissioner directed the respondents to file and serve these proposals on January 21, 2020.

Mandatory Response to Issues for Respondent January 21, 2020 Proposal

PG&E, SCE, and SDG&E shall, for the purposes of their January 21, 2020 proposal, answer and include information on the below issues. For the purposes of this filing, please use an inclusive definition of the phrase "microgrid-related." At a minimum, any activities related to the following should be included:

- Projects that conform with the definition of microgrid provided in SB 1339; and
- Activities that enable load to be served during a wider grid outage, such as a public safety power shutoff, including temporary backup generation

Part I: Report on planned microgrid-related resiliency activities.

Please provide information for all that apply to each reported project or activity:

1. What microgrid-related activities is the utility planning or proposing for 2020 and beyond?
 1. Year
 2. Location (County)
 3. Magnitude of expenditure
 4. What type of activity?

1. Research
2. Construction
3. Operation
5. What type of microgrid?
 1. In-front-of-the meter
 2. Behind-the-meter
 3. Nameplate capacity, technology, and fuel source of generation
 4. Nameplate capacity and duration, technology, and fuel source of storage
6. What type of benefits?
 1. How many customer accounts are involved by customer type?
 2. What, if any, are expected community benefits of the project?
2. In what venue, if any, has the planned activity been proposed or documented?
 1. Advice Letter
 2. CPUC Proceeding
 3. Process of another agency (i.e. CEC EPIC Grant etc.)
3. Has cost recovery for expenditures been requested and/or granted?

Part II: Proposed Commission Actions

Please describe what additional Commission action or relief is requested for each microgrid-related resiliency activity described in Part I and why it is needed. If no additional action or relief is required, please explain why not.

IT IS SO RULED.

THE DOCKET OFFICE SHALL FORMALLY FILE THIS RULING.

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